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# Lion Pride

## Ohio Lions District 13-B

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### “...and so the children shall lead us”

There is something very positive happening in District 13-B...our clubs are getting younger.

As I have been traveling the district, and inducting new members; it has become apparent to me that we are in the midst of a generational shift. Most of the new members whom I have met and inducted are in their 30's. You are recruiting the next generation of Lion Leaders who will follow in the footsteps of Melvin Jones.

It comes as no surprise to me that we are getting younger, because the Lion's philosophy is not limited to one age group or another. Ours is a universal message to all people regardless of gender, skin color, religious belief, or age. **WE SERVE**, is a truth that all people understand; because it simply, and effectively describes the best of the human condition.

As our Association approaches its second hundred years, I am proud to say that the Lions of District 13-B will lead the way to service. Whether it is preventing blindness, feeding the hungry, improving the environment or helping our youth grow to be strong and responsible, we are ready and able to meet the challenges ahead.

*Keep growing:* make sure that your club invites 35 prospects this year.

*Keep working:* look for innovative projects that make a difference in your community.

*Keep expanding your horizons:* support LCIF and your state projects to keep the vital work of Eye Research and Measles Eradication on track.

*Keep your friends near:* there are no Lions Clubs if there are no friendships.

### **The DG Jeff's "Invite 35" Scorecard**

Members Asked to date - 16

Members joined to date - 2

***District Governor Jeff***

## DG Jeff

## 2nd VDG Steve

### October Visitations and Meetings



### October

- 1 Mini-Cab
- 2 Port Clinton
- 6 Clyde
- 7 Fremont
- 7 Lorain Harbor
- 8 Sandusky
- 9 Elmore
- 11 Colonel Crawford Pancake Day
- 11 Ontario Pancake Day
- 13 Republic
- 14 Sheffield Village
- 15 Cabinet Meeting
- 16 Amherst
- 18 Bucyrus 75<sup>th</sup>
- 19 OLERF (C&BL Cmte.)
- 20 Bellevue
- 21 Vermilion
- 22 Zone 8
- 26 C&BL (*ad hoc* Cmte.)
- 27 Zone 5
- 30 Lorain

### October

- 1 Mini-Cabinet Meeting
- 14 Norwalk
- 15 2<sup>ND</sup> Cabinet Meeting (Mansfield)
- 18 Bucyrus 75th

### "September to Remember"

To the Lions of District 13B, I applaud all the great things you have done and continue to do for your communities!

We will soon have a new club in Region 1, Zone 1...Congratulations to the new Gibsonburg Lions Club. We will hopefully charter them from Lions International soon!!

Membership is on the rise and our Governor Jeff cannot be any happier. Let's continue to support him and not only raise membership, but to retain all the great Lions we already have. September was great and now we go into October with the same enthusiasm and a lot of hard work to continue. We will help the Gibsonburg Lions to develop and the District Leadership Team will be there to support them at all times.

Visitations have started, miles are on the rise, and I can't wait to see all you great Lions!! I will be attending the Leadership Institute Level 2 at Deer Creek on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> thru the 12<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully I can return a little smarter and better at helping all the Lions in District 13B.

Continue the great work and I will see you soon!!

Lion Steve

ever, she lives in Ottawa County, which is beyond the service area covered by District 13A, and so could not be funded by us.

I contacted DG PCC Jeff Hillis and he then connected me with Dr. Sue VanDootingh, President of the Port Clinton Lions Club. She approached her Club and they graciously offered to pay for the specialty glasses (Peli Prisms) which are not covered by insurance.

DG Marv Crawford of District 13A has as his 2014-15 theme: "Strength the Pride... Working Together...What's Next?", what better way than Districts working together.

A quote from Helen Keller says it all: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

PDG Pat Goulding, President Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation, Inc.



## 1st VDG Carolyn

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Bellville Lions and the Butler Club will be implementing vision screening at the Clear Fork Christian Pre-School in October.

Eleven Bellville Lions attended the Zone 6 Advisory meeting in September

## Lions Working Together

On behalf of the District 13A's Northwest Ohio Lions Eye Care Foundation we want to extend a thank you to the Port Clinton Lions Club for financially assisting a client of the Sight Center of Northwest Ohio.

Our Foundation received an application from an individual who needed assistance

with obtaining eye care of a unique nature to help her see and function better. How

## Future Conventions

98th Convention Honolulu, Hawaii June 26-30, 2015	38th Forum San Juan, Puerto Rico September 11-13, 2014
99th Convention Fukuoka, Japan June 24-28, 2016	39th Forum Grand Rapids, MI September 17-19, 2015
100th Convention Chicago, Illinois June 30-July 4, 2017	40th Forum Omaha, Nebraska 2016
101st Convention Las Vegas, Nevada June 29-July 3, 2018	



**PCC Jeff Hillis  
District Governor 13-B**



September 16, 2014

Dear Lion President,

Following you will find a letter from the Multiple District 13 legal counsel with regard to the obligation of Lions Clubs to file a 990 with the I.R.S. For most clubs this can be accomplished in a matter of minutes by filing the 990N online. The filing deadline is November 15, 2014.

***All clubs are required by law to file a 990 with the I.R.S. yearly!***

If you do not file, your club will lose its non-profit designation, and you will have to follow the steps outlined to regain it, which include paying a fine of \$400.00 or \$850.00 depending on the income of the club.

If your club has already lost its non-profit status, you must regain it to operate as a Lions Club.

I urge you to carefully read the following material, and take the necessary steps to comply.

Additionally, enclosed you will find a reporting form to be returned to the district which, when returned, informs us that you have filed a 990 this year with the IRS. Please fill in the needed information, and return by December 1, 2014 to:

PDG Myron Amstutz, Cabinet Secretary  
827 Country Club Lane  
Ashland, OH 44805

If you require assistance, please feel free to call or contact me. Thank you.

Yours in Lionism,

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## **All Lions Clubs Must File a Tax Return**

In September, every club president received a mailing (reprinted in this newsletter) from District Governor Jeff explaining the obligation of every Lions Club to file a 990 form with the I.R.S. by November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Filing is not optional, and there is no threshold of income below which clubs do not have to file. To repeat, every club must file. If clubs do not, or have not, filed for three years, they lose their non-profit designation. Simply put, that means that your club could become a taxable entity, and is liable to pay taxes on all income generated by the club including dues, donations, project income, interest, etc.

For most clubs filing can be accomplished online by filing a 990N form. This is an “online” only postcard, and the majority of clubs can use this option. If you choose the 990N, your filing can be accomplished in a matter of minutes. For the very few clubs with income above the criteria for a 990N, a 990EZ or 990 must be filed.

If you club has not been filing a tax return for a three year period, you will find that you will have lost your non-profit designation (known as a *501(c)4*). To regain your non-profit status, your club will have to begin the process that will include a filing back returns and paying a penalty to regain it.

For a number of years at the District’s Officer Training Schools, we have informed clubs of this obligation to file a 990. The district has on numerous occasions presented the seminar, “*Legal Issues for Lions Clubs*” at its Officer’s Training School and District Conventions, and we will continue to educate and offer our assistance.

Please carefully read the mailing, and if your 501(c)4 has been lost you will need to begin the steps outlined in the mailing to regain it. If you need assistance, please contact District Governor Jeff. He is assembling a team to help clubs through this problem.



September 3, 2014

Council Chairperson Darlene Roll  
Ohio Lions Council of Governors  
c/o Lions State Office  
4074 Hoover Road  
Grove City OH 43123

Re: Compliance with the 990 filing requirement of 501(c)(4) organizations

Dear Ms. Roll and the Council of Governors:

David Risen has discussed with our office the problem of local Lions Clubs who have failed to file the required annual 990 forms. Many of these clubs have lost their 501(c)(4) status or are the verge of doing so. Dave requested that we give you our opinion on the issue as well as the means to correct the problem.

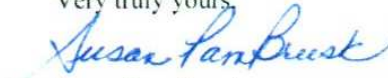
It is our legal opinion:

- (1) The IRS requires that all clubs must file the required 990 forms once a year.
- (2) The district offices need to institute a reporting mechanism to insure that the Clubs have complied with the filing requirements.
- (3) Any Club that has lost its 501(c)(4) designation must be required by LCI to have their status reinstated or not operate as a tax exempt organization.
- (4) Any Club that continues to operate as a tax exempt organization is subject to major fines and penalties, and could be required to file as a tax paying organization.

We have discussed these issues further in the attached papers. We also refer you to the Lions Clubs International website. It contains useful information on this subject.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact us.

Very truly yours,



Susan Pam Brusk

Cc: David Risen

**REQUIRMENTS TO FILE 990  
PROCEDURES TO REPAIR REVOCATION OF 501(c)(4)**

**Nonprofit association is a state definition.**

A nonprofit association is the form of business organization that applies to a charity or social organization. It is non-profit because of the way it is organized and structured.

Non-profit status is filed with the Ohio Secretary of State. Continued Existence status must be filed every 5 years. The form is on the Ohio Secretary of state website.

Clubs must also file with the **Ohio Attorney General- Charitable Section**. They will notify the Club when paperwork is due or missing, including the 990s. It is best to give them 3 e-mail addresses for 3 individuals who will be responsible for taxes, forms, etc. These forms are on the Ohio Attorney General – Charitable Section website.

**Tax exempt status** means that the organization does not pay taxes. This is an IRS definition.

Lions clubs are 501(c)(4) from Lions Clubs International. This status applies to civic leagues and social welfare organizations. The letter of determination is on the LCI web site.

Local Lions Clubs are subject to the rules and regulations required of 501(c)(4) organizations. Although the 501(c)(4) status is a group status determination, each club must maintain that status by complying with the IRS tax filing requirements (even if no tax is paid).

**501(c)(4) must file annual tax returns – even when they don't pay taxes**

We are concerned that Clubs may think that if they don't pay taxes, so that they don't need to file a return. In fact, they still have to file a form of the 990.

There are several different forms. All are available on the IRS website.

**990N** is very simple. It is a post card and filed on the internet. It asks a few very simple questions.

This form would apply to all Clubs that have income under \$50,000.00 and minimal assets

**990EZ** form applies to Clubs with income between \$50,000.00 and \$200,000.00. It is a 4 or 5 page form,

It is more complicated than the 990N, but still could be handled easily by most Clubs.

The **990** form is required of all Clubs with income over \$200,000.00 and/or with substantial assets.

This is a more complicated form and probably would need a CPA or tax professional.

There may be other 990s if the Clubs have special circumstances. This would definitely require professional help.

The 990 form is due 5 months after end of the fiscal year. Since most Clubs operate on the July thru June fiscal year, the form is due November 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Recommendations;**

We recommend that the Clubs set up a mechanism to insure that the Form is filed in a timely manner. We recommend that each Club amend their By-laws or policies to include a system of checks and balances.

For example: (1) The President must sign the form, but the Treasurer should prepare the form.

or (2) Set up a Financial Committee to oversee the handling of money. This would include the Treasurer, a Vice President, a person named by the President from the Board and a person not on the Board. This committee would conduct the annual audit, prepare the 990, and oversee the money handling of the Club.

We further recommend that the district Lion Office require that the local Clubs file a copy of the 990 with the Office. This would notify the District Office to that the Clubs have complied.

### **If don't file, you lose your tax exempt status**

The cancellation is **automatic** if they don't file 3 consecutive filings

IRS will notify you if you are going to lose your status. However, this is where we have found another problem. Clubs have too many addresses and contact people. Every President or Treasurer gave his/ her personal address and contact information. Then the President or Treasurer moved on. The notice goes to their old address and they are no longer involved with the Club.

**Recommendation:** Each Club must have an official address. We suggest a PO Box or a designated person who will have a long term commitment as the designated Statutory Agent.

To check and see if your status has been revoked, go to the IRS website:

IRS  
Help and Resources  
Charities and Nonprofits (on side of page)  
Exempt Organizations Select Check  
In box – Exempt Organizations Select Check Tool  
Were automatically revoked  
Type in EIN  
Name  
City  
State

Note: We found that Lions often have two or three different names. The official name and the name used by the Club are often different. If you know the EIN number, this is unique like a social security number. If you don't know the EIN, use the city option. .

This web site will tell you if the Club's tax exempt status has been revoked and when it was revoked. This date of revocation is important, see below.

### **What if you lose the tax exempt status.**

You need to take action to have it restored and time is important. IRS will work with you if you act in a timely manner.

The process you need to follow depends on how long you have been out of compliance.



If miss the filing of the 990 before the revocation occurs

Revocation will occur automatically if you miss filing 3 consecutive returns. If you are a 990N or 990EZ filer and you have missed one, two or three filings, just file the missing returns. There will be no problems with IRS.

If it has been less than 15 months since the date of revocation

1. File the missing returns.
  2. File a new 1024 application and a form 8718. Mark the top of the pages with "Revenue Procedure 2014-11, Streamlined Retroactive Reinstatement". The forms are available in the IRS website.
  3. Pay the appropriate fee – either \$400.00 or \$850.00 depending on the income of the Club. See Form 8717.
- IRS will not assess a penalty or back taxes.

If it has been more than more than 15 months since the revocation

1. File the missing returns.
2. File a new 1024 application and a form 8718. Mark the top of the pages with "Revenue Procedure 2014-11, Streamlined Retroactive Reinstatement". The forms are available in the IRS website.
3. Pay the appropriate fee – either \$400.00 or \$850.00 depending on the income of the Club. See Form 8717.
4. Attach a reasonable cause statement explaining why the tax forms were filed late. Be as specific as possible. IRS does not like being told that you didn't know that the tax form was required to be filed. Be as honest as possible. Examples: We are an all-volunteer organization. Our Treasurer or other officer was to file the form. He/she did not do so because... There were problems beyond the control of the Club, explain..

In the letter, explain what steps the Club has taken to insure that future tax returns will be filed in a timely manner. Examples: We have amended our by-laws. The Treasure or other officer is assigned the duty to prepare the tax form. Our President must sign the return. (checks and balances) We have put together a Financial Committee to prepare the return, etc.

IRS will not assess a penalty or back taxes for three years. . BUT they can assessed taxes, penalties, and interest for the other years.

IRS will consider how timely these steps were followed after the revocation was discovered. Did the Club have a history of the failure to comply with the tax laws and filing requirements.

The penalties could be \$20.00 per day for every day that they are not filed. The penalty could be a maximum of \$10,000.00 or 5% of gross receipts.

If penalties are assessed, they can be appealed. The assessment letter will explain how to do it. The letter to appeal should state that the payment of the fees would be a hardship. That the organization has taken steps (explain) to avoid the problem in the future.

If the Club is not given reinstatement

The Club is now liable for taxes. They need to file the standard Corporation taxes on an 1120 tax form. Remember that their status as an Ohio non-profit organization is a structural designation, not a tax designation. Note: this will only affect the Club. It will not affect the contributors since 501(c)(4) donations are not tax deductible anyway.



**District 13-B**  
**990 Reporting Confirmation**

**This will confirm that the \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club**  
**filed a 990 with the IRS on the following date \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.**  
  
\_\_\_\_\_, **Club President**

*This is not an IRS document, and does not take the place of filing. It is for District information only to identify those clubs who have filed. Return to: PDG Myron Amstutz, 827 Country Club Lane, Ashland, OH 44805*

## Items of Interest from lionsclubs.org

*Visit the Centennial Website at [Lions100.org](http://Lions100.org)*



Lions Clubs International is turning 100 in 2017! The [new Centennial website](http://Lions100.org) is your one-stop shop for all things #Lions100. You'll find Stories of Impact, a timeline of Lions milestones, historical photos, info about the Centennial Service Challenge, a downloadable version of the official Centennial logo and tools for your own Centennial celebration. New content will continue to be added as we count down to 2017, so check back often for updates!

*Sharing the Vision Project Ideas*



Participate in October's Global Service Action Campaign by [Sharing the Vision](#). As you look for potential sight service projects, find inspiration from clubs throughout the world. Via [MyLCI](#), clubs have reported projects like pre-school vision screenings, arranging talks on low vision, providing a visually impaired child with an iPad to help with schoolwork, organizing a fishing tournament for blind members of the community, and printing and placing large print menus in local restaurants. Sharing the Vision projects reported through MyLCI will count toward the [Centennial Service Challenge](#). How will your club help us serve 100 million people by 2017?

*Donate to LCIF and Earn Centennial Recognition!*



By [donating to Lions Clubs International Foundation](#) (LCIF), your club can play a part in reaching our Centennial Service Challenge goal of serving 100 million people by December 2017 and earn special Centennial recognition. Any LCIF donation earmarked for sight, youth, measles or disaster relief can help your club earn a Centennial Banner Patch with a progressive gemstone design. Learn more about [your Foundation](#) and the [Centennial Service Challenge](#) today. There's never been a better time to give than now!

### ***Earn Rewards for Adding New Members in October!***



October is a New Membership Growth Month. It's a great time to grow your club and earn special recognition when you do. Here's what you can earn:

**Silver Pin** – Lions who sponsor a new member in October will receive a Membership Growth Award Silver Pin.

**Gold Pin** – Lions who sponsor a member in both October and April will earn a special Membership Growth Award Gold Pin.

**Banner Patch** – Clubs that add new members in October and April will receive a Membership Growth Award Banner Patch and a Fiscal Year Patch.

Start planning today to get on track for your [Membership Growth Award](#) and be sure to give

## Fundraising Opportunity: It's Innovative, Local and Lions

You may have seen the ad for the *Power Shelf* in your October Lions Magazine, but did you know that this is a product manufactured right here in District 13-B?

Lion Bill Fetzter, a member and Past President of the Plymouth Lions Club, owns and operates the Firelands Manufacturing Co. which manufactures and markets this exciting new product.

Lion Bill is offering Lions Clubs the opportunity to directly market *Power Shelf* to their communities. These products are the answer to storing and charging all those pesky battery operated devices like cell phones and power tools. There is even a Power Shelf to store your extension cords.

If your club is looking for a new fundraising activity, that is a great American made, 21<sup>st</sup> Century product, call the number below and learn about the *Power Shelf*.

### LIONS FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY!



**The POWER SHELF**  
*With the Power Shelf the outlet can serve a greater purpose.*

Clubs and organizations are always looking for new ideas to raise funds. The Power Shelf products are a great opportunity for the Lions organization along with members to sell a great product that makes a difference in lives.

The Power Shelf products are an innovative idea to declutter and organize your electronics and cords. They are strong durable products **made in the USA** from recycled steel.

They are easy to install available in standard and decor style outlets. It's about time someone thought of it!

**CONTACT POWER SHELF  
FOR FUNDRAISING INFO.**

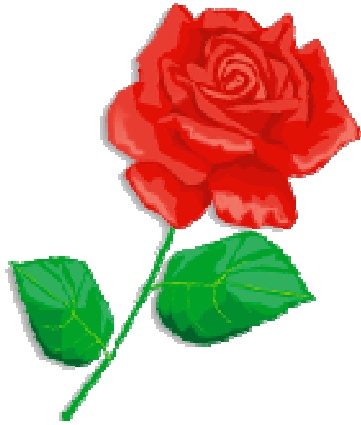
Sales@BuyPowerShelf.com  
www.BuyPowerShelf.com

Ph:419.775.6125  
FX:419.754.2402

**\* CONTACT NOW  
FOR CHRISTMAS**



# **Plymouth Lions Club**



## **Sweetest Day Rose Sale \$15.00 dozen**

**October 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**

**PLYMOUTH---Community Market Grocery Store Parking Lot  
(North end of town, prior Mack's)**

**WILLARD---Moose Parking Lot (on Route 224)**

**SHELBY---Do It Hardware Store Parking Lot (South side of  
Shelby)**

### ***Sales Times***

***Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.***

***Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. until sold out***

**For information or to order roses call:**

**Lion Don at 419-687-9115 or Lions Jedd and Jill 419-687-5854**

## Past, Present and Future

### Ashland Evening

At our Club's family picnic in August, Lion President PDG Ray Miller, Sr. (R) chats with his good friend Lion Arlyn Williams of the Plymouth Lions Club. Lion Arlyn transferred from the Attica Lions



Club and participates in all the Plymouth Lions Club activities. Lion Arlyn has had an award for over 50 years perfect attendance. Lion Ray has had an award for over 40 years perfect attendance.

At a regular Club meeting on September 4th, District Governor Jeff Hillis (standing) had the honor of presenting this year's 13B golf trophy to the Ashland Evening Lions!



### Bascom

As the calendar reads October, the club returns to the sit-down dinner meetings at the three local churches. It will be good to meet at the churches, starting with the Union United Church of Christ, 575 N. Ash Street, Bascom.

Twenty-four club members and one prospective new member were treated to a super roast pork/pork chop dinner at St. Andrew Hall. Thanks goes to John Park and the Intra-club committee for providing a great dinner! Thanks John and Larry!

Approximately 60 Lions gathered together on September 15th at the Bascom United Methodist Church for the Zone 2 Advisory meeting. Twenty plus attendees were from the Bascom Club. President reports from all seven clubs were given.

Zone 2 Chairman, Lion Bob Swartzmiller, welcomed District Governor Jeff Hillis. Lion Jeff emphasized the continuing attempt to recruit new members.

Past District Governor Sonny Barker reported on the work of the Sight/Hearing committee and Lion John Donnelly gave an update on the Lions Club International Foundation.

Gun Raffle number eight will soon be recorded in the history book as another successful fund raising.

### Bellville

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### Colonel Crawford

The club has been very busy with a successful food trailer at the Bucyrus Bratwurst Festival and aiding the Upper Sandusky Lions fill their Fair work schedule.

The Colonel Crawford Club float featured Lion Gloria Huber dressed as the statue of liberty. The float was used at the Crestline Harvest festival as well at the Bratwurst Festival. The float also advertised the upcoming Pancake Sausage Day on October 11<sup>th</sup>, honoring a beloved teacher who taught at the school for twenty-eight years. She was a member of the Colonel Crawford Lions club and the first adviser of the Colone Crawford LEO Club. Money received from this event has sponsored Scholarships for Colonel Crawford students.

Don and Dixie Striker led the cooking and serving of 100 guests for the old Sulphur Springs school alumni Banquet. Another profitable venture for the club.

Our next dinner meeting night will be on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. We will recognize two students of the month.

The Halloween party on October 30th will be held for the school and community at CCHS school.

### Hayesville

Recent projects completed include painting the building behind the Hayesville School and picking up trash along County Road 1754. Congratulations to those who helped with these projects.

Sausage was again a Business Meeting topic, Oct 2, although short, there was some fat involved.

**REMEMBER**, presale is due by Oct. 25 and prices are \$3.00 and \$3.50.

### Lorain

From the Lorain Lions President: Fellow Lions, Fall will soon be here and you know what that means? Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes! That's right! Our Fall Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale is November 2, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is a lot of fun for our club and all the family and friends who attend. We're looking to raise more funds than in previous years to help us continue our mission of Lionism Service.

## Past, Present and Future

### Lorain Continued

This means sell lots of tickets, table sponsors and placemat ads.

### Mohawk Lioness

Christina met with her committee and planned the year's projects. We could be making donuts as early as October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Wyandot County Fall Festival, if plans go as hoped.

Halloween donuts are planned for November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Firehouse.

The Mohawk Craft Show will be on November 15<sup>th</sup> and the Upper Sandusky Craft Show will be on November 29<sup>th</sup>. More details on those projects will also follow at a later date.

### Norwalk

The Little League team sponsored by the Norwalk Lions won the championship in their division. We have money set aside for a pizza and pop party to celebrate.

All twenty-three of our magnifying machines are in use.

Our Board voted to donate to Norwalk Elementary PTO, Kinder Casa, Piggyback Foundation, and the Julie Kaman Schuh Benefit. Next year we will add a budget item for Stuff the Bus.

Board voted to move \$1500 from the Healthiest Loser fund to send to the Ohio Lions Eye Research Foundation.

The board voted to memorialize five recently deceased members at Lions Park.

Board Voted to hold the 2014 Christmas Party again at the Norwalk Reservoir Shelter Building December 9th. Lion Ken Leber has reserved the building.

### Perrysville

Perrysville Lion of the Month was Mike

Rush. He has been a Lion for three years. His wife of twenty-two years, Traci, is also a Lion. They have one son, Casey, five horses, thirty-two chickens and too many barn cats. I am so proud of what our small club can do for our community. Mike has served in the Navy in the past and remains in the Naval Reserves.

A letter from the Perrysville Economic Development Committee asking for a donation was read. A donation to help with Out Door Days was made.

We will host the Zone 8 Advisory Meeting October 22 at 7:00 at the Lutheran Church in Perrysville.

Our current Service project is in the works with PGD Dana as chair. We will be placing a sign in the Union Cemetery with all the Veterans names on it since the grave markers are unreadable or missing.

Perrysville Lions Car Show was held June 28<sup>th</sup>.



### Plymouth

Plymouth Lions hosted a Bloodmobile in September and conducted a highway pick-up. A donation was made to the Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni Buyers Club to purchase fair animals, and also the Alzheimer's Assoc. to sponsor one of our

members in their Memory Walk. Four eyeglass cases were approved. Plymouth Lions hosted a Bloodmobile in September and conducted a highway pick-up. A donation was made to the Plymouth-Shiloh FFA Alumni Buyers Club to purchase fair animals, and also the Alzheimer's Assoc. to sponsor one of our members in their Memory Walk. Four eyeglass cases were approved.

Zone Chair Dave Schwenning attended our Sept. 24th meeting and presented Milestone Chevron Awards to the following: Lion Arlyn Williams ~ 55 years; Lion Wally Redden ~ 35 years; Lion Bob Tackett ~ 30 years; Lion Pat Laser ~ 15 years; Lion Penny Davis ~ 15 years; Lion Pat Jacobs ~ 15 years; and Lion Linda Melick ~ 15 years.



### Republic

There were several prices quoted for stone and hauling for the expansion of the parking lot at the Park. Lion Denny B informed the Club that he had contacted the school concerning the old concession stand.

Republic Lions met for a work night at the Park on September 22.

The Boy Scouts will use the new shelter for a Halloween Float.

The October Chicken BBQ was discussed. Thursday, October 2, we are to make potato salad. Lion Scott M is to order the chicken. We are to make cupcakes.

# Past, Present and Future

## Sandusky

We recently met with the Sandusky City Engineer to discuss ways the city and our club can work together to keep Lions Park looking great. Some ideas we came up with are: power washing the shelters, painting the picnic tables in the shelters, purchasing new grills and benches. Placing donated Lion statues, weeding, and weed prevention that is compatible to the Water Shed.

The Erie County Lions' clubs continue to work with Seneca County on bringing Project Lifesaver to the area. They have been accepted into the International program and are now looking for avenues of revenue.

Congratulations! Our club welcomed new member Lori Roth who is the director of Admissions and Marketing at the Meadows at Osborn Park. We cannot wait to get to know her better and serve our community with her.

Daniel Gissin from Vision Benefits of America, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania collected 75 pairs of glasses for us to recycle. He participated in a seminar at Kalahari. Thank you!

We were invited and attended the Buckeye State Boys and Girls Club banquet. What an honor to meet the kids that represented us, knowing that without our donation, they would never have the opportunity to learn, first hand, about our government.

We sadly regret the passing of Karen Kraus, the daughter of our dearly beloved member, PDG Andy Kraus.

## Sycamore

Calendars have been delivered to members who have delivered them to custom

ers and collected the money for them. Each year, this project provides our club with funds for the year. This marks our 55th year of selling to the community. Great job!!

Peace Poster Contest is a go with the new art teacher, Abby Gottfried being excited

about the opportunity to participate. Materials arrived and await delivery along with paper for the posters

Lori Bumb, Mohawk School, asked for a pre-school vision screening for the school pre-school and Galbraith Pre-school. It is scheduled for September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, two sessions each day. Rita & Larry Bennett will obtain the screening equipment from Lion Sonny Barker.

The club will provide an eye evaluation and glasses for an 8 years old child.

## Castalia

The tour of ABJ Equipment was very interesting and it gave us insight into a successful local company. They employ 25 people and have been in business for 15 years. The company was started by three individuals from the Sam Stein Company in Sandusky. ABJ makes and repairs industrial fry ovens and breadmaking machines for the food industry. They breaded and fried chicken for our Lions dinner that evening. Thanks Lion Butch for a very interesting program.

Lion Denny reported that the winner of the Castalia Lions Golf League for 2014 was Tim Belden.

Lion Gene reports the Castalia Lions Student of the Month for October is Courtney Ambos.

Lion Ed had the first of three Turkey Shoots, Sunday Oct. 5. We had 17 regular shoots, 1 money shoot, and 15 meat raffles / we could have used more help for this event (cafe workers and extra target runners).

## Bellevue

We held a delayed business meeting and recognition of second semester Peace Poster winners and families. The guests were 1st. place-Colin Gilbert, 2nd -Holly Spero, 3rd -Danielle Consolo. We all enjoyed The Pizza Wheel pizza (thanks Sandy) salad (thanks Ann) Ice Cream sundies (thanks Jim). After all this Lion Jim made his presentation to the kids with a monetary gift (thanks Jack) and a club pin..



All three gave a very brief comment on what this year's theme was about—Love, Peace and Understanding.

Our main topic of business was our upcoming 70th charter anniversary to be held on Saturday November 15th at Seybert Methodist Church, 442 W. Main next to Wendy's. Governor Jeff will be one of the speakers. Menu and price to be decided.

## 13-B Lions Win Leibensperger Memorial

Lions Bill Harner, PDG Doug Reynolds, PDG Terry Spiegel and DG Jeff Hillis won the District 13-F William P. Leibensperger Memorial Golf Outing at Kings Mill Golf Course in Waldo, OH on September 18.

The team shot a blistering 59 in the 4-man scramble format to finish first in a 12 team field by 2 shots.

The outing is sponsored by the District 13-F Past District Governors Association, and is named for the late International Director Bill Liebensperger from Columbus.







# Lions 13-B Zone 8 Newsletter

“WE SERVE”

October 2014

Fellow Lions,

I would first like to thank the Rowsburg Lions for hosting our first Zone meeting, and thanks to all the Lions that attended. Our next Zone meeting will be Wednesday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at St John's Lutheran Church in Perrysville and hosted by the Perrysville Lions. I hope all of you will be able to attend. An official announcement will follow soon. Be sure to have your club report filled out and ready to be submitted.

I hope all of the members and clubs of Zone 8 are preparing for their membership drive and our new member recruitment night to be held Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Mifflin Lions building from 7 to 9 PM. This will be a casual dress meeting. I ask attending Lions to bring a dessert to share, drinks will be provided and we will provide table service. This year we will have District Governor Jeff Hillis give an over view of the history and mission of Lionism. Then, I ask each club have a representative to give a short report of their clubs activities and programs. We will also have an open conversation of individual experiences in Lions.

As I am sure by now you are aware, the District Governor has asked each club to invite 35 people to join Lions. Let us take this opportunity to Strengthen Our Pride and build our club membership. Check out The Ohio Plan for recruiting on the [ohiolions.org](http://ohiolions.org) web site. It does work! I personally am not a good one to go out and ask people to join something or give money, however when it comes to Lions I find it is a different story. I have never met a Lion who did not believe in this organization and it's (our) mission, so why should we be afraid to invite our friends and those we know to join us. Please do not withhold the opportunity for others to experience what you have through Lions. I know 35 sounds like a large number but there really is a large population to draw from; Mifflin Twp. has a population of over 1130 people, Mohican 2033, Vermillion 2618, Perry 1990, Green 3951, Lake 690, and Hanover 2050; that is 14,462 total in Zone 8. Even if you have friends that do not live in your area be sure to talk to them about Lions and we can help them get in touch with their local club.

Let's all work to make our clubs better. A wise man once told me: "If you do what you have always done, you will get what you have always gotten". If you do not always like the results you know what to do and if you need help there are a lot of District people ready and waiting.

I have also attached an updated Zone Calendar.  
Zone Chairman Kenny Schuck

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# Savannah Lions Pancake Breakfast

SAVANNAH TOWN HALL

Saturday, October 4, 2014

**SERVING FROM 6:30 A.M. UNTIL 11:00 A.M.**

**MENU: Pancakes, Sausage, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits,  
and French Toast**

**PRICE PER DONATION**

Proceeds go to:  
Savannah Lions Local & State Eye  
Funds

**Accepting Used Eye Glasses to Recycle**

Door Prizes by  
Hawkins Market

Enter by printing your name and phone number on back of ticket-drawing will be held at 11:00 a.m.



Bucyrus Lions Club 75<sup>th</sup> Charter Anniversary  
Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Speaker: PID Jerry Smith

Buffet  
Top Roast Sirloin au jus  
Stuffed Chicken Breast  
Potatoes / Rice  
Vegetables  
Assorted Desserts

Social: 6:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$ 25.00

Pay at Door

Cash Bar

Ontario Event Center  
3985 Park Ave. W., Ontario  
(behind the Brown Derby Restaurant)

Reservations to: Linda Spiegel  
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Reservation Deadline: Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>



**Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION**



Dear Lions,

We are pleased to invite you to the **Lions Golf World Championship 2015**.

From March 23 through March 30, 2015, come meet your fellow Lions in Marbella, Spain, and compete in a tournament that benefits Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). Home to more than 100 golf courses, Costa del Sol in southern Spain is the golf paradise of Europe. With an outstanding Mediterranean climate and abundant sunshine, Costa del Sol is a world-class travel destination. This outstanding tournament is going to be at the six star Villa Padierna Palace Hotel with 54 different golf holes. Come experience Spanish culture, lots of entertainment and fun.

LCIF Chairperson and Immediate Past International President Barry Palmer is scheduled to open the event. **The registration deadline for this tournament is October 30, 2014.** Only 150 golfers will be accepted. Golfers must have a handicap of -36 and better to enter the tournament. **Be sure to reserve your spot and save by booking early!**

For further information about the Lions Golf World Championship, please visit: [www.lionsgolf.info](http://www.lionsgolf.info) (website is available in English only). Or, [download the informational flyer](#). A portion of all proceeds will be donated to LCIF's global [efforts to eliminate measles](#) in partnership with the GAVI Alliance.

**We look forward to see you in sunny Spain!**

With best regards,

The Lions golf organizational team  
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